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QUESTIONNAIRE ON POLYGRAPH USAGE

1. Does your agency possess or make use of polygraphs or other so-called "lie detection" devices? (If major subordinate organizations within your agency engage in such activity, please list all those organizations.)
2. Briefly explain your agency's general procedures governing the use of such devices and answer the following specific questions. (Please explain procedures and indicate if they are covered by regulation in connection with each question. If more than one major subordinate organization within the agency is affected, provide separate responses for each.)
  - a. For what specific purposes are these devices used? (i.e., employment interviews, security clearance processing, suspected improper conduct of duties, or other purposes.)
  - b. Are the devices used in every instance involving those purposes listed in answer to question a?
  - c. What weight is given the data resulting from tests by these devices, or refusals to take such tests, in relation to other types of investigative information?
  - d. Who makes the initial determination to use such devices, and is this initial determination subject to review by higher authority in each case?
  - e. Is the physical and mental condition of each person to be tested considered to determine suitability to take such a test?
  - f. What disposition is made of data derived from such tests given to persons connected with your agency (i.e., retained in affected individuals' personnel files, retained separately, etc.)?
  - g. Are the findings of such tests made available to the individuals who take the tests?
  - h. Is there a right of appeal in cases of adverse findings?
  - i. Is access to such data restricted and, if so, what classification or other designation is applied to the data?

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- j. If a person connected with your agency refuses to take such a test, is that refusal reflected in any way whatsoever in the individual's personnel records?
  - k. Does your agency maintain special facilities, such as specially designed rooms, for the performance of such tests? Briefly describe such facilities and how they are equipped. Furnish photographs, if available.
  - 1. How many polygraph tests or examinations involving similar devices were conducted by your agency in fiscal 1963?
  - m. How many such tests were conducted by other agencies, public or private, at the request of your agency during fiscal 1963?
3. Please enumerate, by job title and grade, all employees of your agency who are authorized to conduct polygraph or similar tests and list their salary costs for fiscal 1963. In addition, please answer the following:
- a. How many of these persons have, as their primary duty, the conducting of such tests?
  - b. What are the minimum qualifications required of those persons within your agency authorized to conduct such tests?
  - c. Describe any training program your agency provides to train its own employees, or employees of other federal agencies, in conducting such tests.
  - d. Does your agency send employees to outside agencies or schools, public or private, for training in such testing? If so, please provide the name and address of the training facility.
4. How many polygraphs and other so-called "lie detection" devices are the property of your agency?
- a. Please list the total acquisition cost of all such devices.
  - b. Please estimate the total annual maintenance costs of such devices and indicate whether maintenance is performed by agency personnel or by outside sources.
  - c. If your agency leases such devices, or contracts with other public or private agencies to perform such tests, please provide the total costs for such activity during fiscal 1963.
  - d. Please estimate all additional expenses attributable to such testing, such as travel expenses for examiners to and from location of tests, internal and external training programs, and all other costs.
5. Please provide two copies each of all intra-agency directives, administrative orders, rules, regulations and/or instructions governing the use of such devices within your agency.